

## Trinity Episcopal Church

Vestry Minutes

July 19th, 2021

HYBRID MEETING

In-Person and Zoom Video Meeting at 6:00 PM

Members in attendance: Pat McMillan, Greg Janes, Phil Steptoe, Marjorie Christie, Mary Ann Rogers, Leslie Jones, David Gum and Colleen Tucker.

Absent: Peter Brewster, Linda Guest, Ann Hill, and Peggy Whetzel.

Guest: Cathy Ruley

Phil Steptoe, Senior Warden called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for being able to attend. Phil Steptoe led the devotions.

- I. Senior Warden's Report: Phil Steptoe started his report with the summer worship schedule. Rev. Ralph and Rev. Georgia are scheduled throughout the summer and Rev. Anne Weatherholt will return on August 8th, 2021. We will be having a covered potluck and BBQ coffee hour as a celebration for the interim ministry of Rev. Anne. After the coffee hour BBQ there will be a pool party at the Steptoe's house for Rev. Anne. Trinity's investments are good with the Trust Fund at \$1,260,623.10, the PEF at \$185,650.99 and the KD Court Senior Fund at \$509,120.97.  
A discussion regarding the New Candidate, The Rev. Virginia Carr, was presented to the Vestry. Details of her ministry and her personal portfolio were presented and discussed as well. Phil presented a preliminary proposed compensation package outline to the vestry to review and consider. Total package presented, for one year was \$159,000.00 + mileage and incidentals. (see attached documents)
- II. Search Committee: David Gum answered a few questions from the Vestry regarding the search committee's interview with The Rev. Virginia Carr.
- III. Minutes: The Vestry meeting minutes for June 21, 2021, were presented to the Vestry for approval. A motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Greg Janes. The motion was seconded by Mary Ann Rogers subject to changes. The Vestry minutes were approved as amended by all members of the Vestry with the exception of Colleen Tucker voting nay.
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Lisa Miller presented the financial reports for June 2021. Lisa Miller explained the finances for the month of June: Operating revenues were up at \$13,134.60 and expenses were \$20,051.29 with a deficit of \$-6,916.99. Questions by Pat McMillan were answered by Lisa Miller regarding the online giving expenses. Lisa Miller advised the Vestry that the Organ Fund has been dormant for years. She suggested that this account be closed. The available funds of \$5,760.52 be transferred to the Building Fund for any expenditures needed to the Organ in the future. Lisa Miller answered questions from the Vestry. Pat McMillan motioned to accept the financials for June 2021 subject to audit and motioned to close the Organ Fund and transfer the funds to the Building Fund. Leslie Jones seconded the motion. The motions were accepted unanimously by the Vestry.
- V. Junior Warden's Report: Greg Janes advised the Vestry that the Chapel's stained-glass windows are finished and waiting for re-installation. The parking lot right-of-way project is continuing to be handled by the Trustees. The renovation planning of the lower level is on hold pending information from Berkeley County school's advisory board. Pat McMillan emailed Greg Janes suggestions for renovation for the upper level, the offices, the library, and the

exterior doors. These repairs will refresh the church. Greg will get estimates and John Miller will be asked to advise on color and design for the project. Questions were answered.

VI. New Business:

1) Sunday School and coffee hour will restart on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

2) Lisa Miller advised the vestry that we need a weekend Sexton to clean, repair, and be a presence for the church on weekends. This position has not been filled since Lay Huor retired almost a decade ago. We need a person that will do minor repairs, deep cleaning, janitorial, and custodian work, along with opening and closing of our building on weekends. We have budgeted for the sexton. Trinity will start to advertise in the e-tempo in hopes that a parishioner or friend of a parishioner will apply.

3) Lisa Miller advised the vestry that Trinity's biggest purchaser of Martins Gift cards will no longer be purchasing the cards. That will leave only three other parishioners that purchase the cards but in small amounts. We will be sending out a notice in the e-tempo to notify that we have cards in stock to sell. We will not be continuing selling the cards due to cost involved and lack of participation. We should end about the end of 2021.

VII. Stewardship and Evangelism Committee: An update was presented on Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> by Brad Cole to the parish.

VIII. Closing: Phil Steptoe motioned to adjourn the Vestry meeting. This was seconded by Greg Janes. Phil thanked the Vestry's willingness to attend the meeting and for their commitment to Trinity.

IX. The next "In-Person" meeting will be held on Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 pm.

X. Respectfully submitted by Lisa Sorrentino-Miller, Clerk of the Vestry on July 20, 2021